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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition numbers 3303-20 and 3341-20 tabled in Parliament on 19 May 2020 in relation to the Cecil Plains Medical Clinic. As these petitions are similar in nature, I have taken the liberty of responding to both petitions in this letter. I therefore ask that this response be noted against each petition.

After the abrupt closure of the Millmerran Medical Centre, Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (HHS) rapidly established a primary healthcare centre on the site of the Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service (MPHS) to ensure ongoing general practice services remained available to the local community.

The immediate priority was establishing and maintaining the Millmerran-based primary healthcare centre, but plans are underway to provide a service to the community of Cecil Plains. I am pleased to advise that Ms Elizabeth (Liz) Waugh, who was previously an employee of the Millmerran Medical Centre, will be recommencing the service at the Cecil Plains Medical Clinic. Ms Waugh commenced employment at the MPHS on 25 May 2020 and is developing the processes and procedures required for the clinic to re-commence under Darling Downs HHS governance. Contract negotiations are underway for a Memorandum of Understanding with Anglicare for the use of their premises and equipment in Cecil Plains.

It is anticipated a service will commence in Cecil Plains from the week beginning 22 June 2020, for two days a week (Tuesday – Medical Officer and Registered Nurse; and Friday – Registered Nurse only). The administration of the clinic will be managed by the Millmerran Primary Healthcare Centre. The Darling Downs HHS will continue to review the service once operational to possibly expand the services offered in the future.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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